

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 1-7 without prejudice.

Please amend claims 8-17 as follows.

8. (Amended) Reel-up of a web [which comprises] comprising:

[at least a] reeling means (5) for guiding a web (W) onto a reel spool (11) to thereby form a reel[, and];

supporting structures (2) having a bearing surface for supporting [a] at least one of said reel spool (11) [and the] having a reel being formed [(11)] thereon and[/or] a complete reel (12), [characterized in that the reel-up comprises] and on which said at least one of said reel spool (11) and said complete reel (12) can roll; and

[an assembly of supporting devices, which comprises at least a part of the rolling surface in the upper surface of the supporting structure, such as a [bearer] bearing surface or a corresponding surface (3) on which the reel spool and the roll (11, 12) thereon can roll, and at least a part of]

a slidable supporting surface (44)[, such as the surface of a slide or a corresponding arrangement (4), which] structured and arranged to retain a reel spool (11) thereon, wherein said supporting surface (44) [can be moved] is slidably movable with respect to the reeling means (5), said supporting surface (44) being movable from [the] a functional vicinity of the reeling means (5) to [the] a vicinity of the [bearer] bearing surface of the supporting structure (2).

9. (Amended) Reel-up according to claim 8[characterized in that] wherein the movable supporting surface (44) and the [rolling] bearing surface are structured and arranged substantially on the same vertical [level] and horizontal planes.

10. (Amended) Reel-up according to claim 8 [or 9, characterized in that] wherein the movable supporting surface (44) is arranged in a slide (4), said slide (4) being structured and arranged to be [which is] supported [to] by the supporting structure (2).

11. (Amended) Reel-up according to claim 8 [to 10, characterized in that] wherein the movable supporting surface (44) is structured and arranged to [be equal in width with the rolling surface, such as the fixed rail section (3)] have a width equal to a width of said bearing surface.

12. (Amended) Reel-up according to claim 10 [or 11, characterized in that the respective surfaces (45) of the rolling surface, such as the fixed rail section (3), and of the movable supporting surface (44)] wherein said movable supporting surface (44) of said slide (4) is provided with a mating surface (45) formed on an end thereof and wherein said bearing surface is provided with a corresponding mating surface formed on an end thereof such [are formed in such a way] that when the slide (4) is brought in contact with the [fixed rail part (3)] said bearing surface, a mating section (45') is formed therebetween, said mating section (45') extending on at least a length substantially in the direction of the [rail (3, 44)] supporting surface (44) and the bearing surface.

13. (Amended) Reel-up according to [any of the claims 8 to 12, characterized in that] claim 8, wherein said supporting surface (44) is [formed as] structured and arranged to be a rolling surface[, such as a bearer surface,] on which the reel spool (11) can roll and move with respect to said supporting surface (44).

14. (Amended) Reel-up according to [any of the claims 8 to 13, characterized in that] claim 8, wherein said supporting surface (44) is structured and arranged to form an extension [to said rail members (3), such as fixed rails or] of said bearing [bearer] surface, [to move] whereby the reel spool (11) [by rolling] can be moved from the supporting surface (44) to said [rail members (3)] bearing surface by rolling.

15. (Amended) Method for reeling a paper web with a reel-up [which comprises at least an arrangement] around a reel spool (R), comprising the steps of:

providing a reeling carriage (33) for supporting [the] a reel during [the] a change of said reel[, such as reeling carriages (33)]; and

providing a pressing device (34) [such as] in the form of a roll attached [thereto] to said reeling carriage[, in which method a web (W) is reeled around a reel spool (R), characterized in that the arrangement such as a] wherein, substantially immediately after said reel change, said reeling carriage [or the like] (33) [supporting the reel (R) at least during the change,] is driven to the vicinity of a reeling means (31) [substantially immediately after the reel (R) change].

16. (Amended) Method according to claim 15, [characterized in that] further comprising the step of:

starting the reeling on the new reel spool (R) [is started] before the reeling carriage [or the like] (33) is driven to the vicinity of the reeling means (31).

17. (Amended) Method according to claim 15 [or 16, characterized in that] further comprising the steps of:

reeling a web onto a support of a primary reeling device (32) for a suitable period of time,
after the change of said reel takes place, [the reeling is effected on the support of a primary or
initial reeling device (32) for a suitable period of time], and

driving [wherein during this time] the reeling carriage (33) together with its pressing
[rolls] device (34) [is driven in] to the vicinity of the reeling means (31) during this period of time.

Please add the following new claims.

-- 18. A method for reeling a web (W) in a reel-up, comprising the steps of:

providing a reel spool (11), each reel spool (11) having a pair of opposed ends;

providing reeling means (5) for guiding said web (W) on to said reel spool (11), said reel spool (11) and said reeling means (5) defining a reeling nip therebetween;

supporting said pair of opposed ends of said reel spool (11) on a slidable supporting surface (44) when said reeling means (5) and said reel spool (11) are in a nip closed position;

forming a reel (R) on said reel spool (11); and

changing the position of said reel (R) with respect to said reeling means (5), as said reel

(R) is being formed on said reel spool (11).

19. The method according to claim 18, further comprising the step of:

sliding said supporting surface (44) away from said reeling means (5) as said reel (R) being formed on said reel spool (11) grows in diameter.

20. The method according to claim 18, further comprising the step of:

providing a [bearer] bearing surface (3) structured and arranged to receive said reel spool (11) from said supporting surface (44) thereon, wherein said supporting surface (44) is provided with a rolling surface vertically aligned with said [bearer] bearing surface (3) such that said pair of opposed ends of said reel spool (11) can roll from said supporting surface (44) to said [bearer] bearing surface (3).

21. The method according to claim 18, further comprising the step of:

placing an empty reel spool onto said slidable supporting structure (44) at an initial stage of the reeling process.

22. The method according to claim 18, further comprising the steps of:

during a reel spool change situation:

opening said nip closed position by sliding said reel spool (11) away from said reeling means (5); and

transferring said reel spool (11) from said slidable supporting surface (44) to rail members